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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to express my concerns regarding the preservation of net neutrality.

Access to a free and open internet is not only a way for communities to grow and evolve, it is also how many new businesses and movements are created. By allowing companies to charge for access to certain sites or even control how fast those connections run, it will harm many people, especially minorities and low income households. On Save the Internet, a site dedicated to protecting net neutrality and educating people who aren't aware of the issue, they explain that minority groups "rely on the open internet to organize, access economic and educational opportunities, and fight back against systemic discrimination." But, it is not just minorities in jeopardy. People below the poverty line or the lower class often depend on the internet to keep in contact with people, find work, and access resources that help them live a safe and healthy life.

Net neutrality is not just about people wanting to watch Netflix or get on Twitter, the internet also works as a resource for people who may not have access to their communities and the resources that they need.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Press. "Net Neutrality: What You Need to Know Now." *Free Press*, www.savetheinternet.com/net-neutrality-what-you-need-know-now.